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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO HON. DIX LEE RAY, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDIA AND THE AEC

YOU ARE ALL FAR TOO BUSY THIS WEEK FOR ME TO INCLUDE IN THIS CABLE THE DETAILED CHRONOLOGY THAT IS CALLED FOR, SO I WILL MAKE BUT A FEW BRIEF POINTS.

1. WE HAVE NOW BEEN WITHOUT AN AEC REPRESENTATIVE FOR EIGHT MONTHS. UNTIL NOVEMBER, WE HAD DR. JOHN PINAJIAN IN BOMBAY. HE IS THE MAN WHO IN MAY 1973 REPORTED THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT MAY WELL HAVE DECIDED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AND MIGHT THEN BE WORKING ON A DEVICE.

2. IN EARLY AUTUMN OF 1973 I COMMENCED A SERIES OF LETTERS, CABLES AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON URGING THAT PINAJIAN'S POSITION BE RETAINED AND THAT HE BE REPLACED. NOTHING HAPPENED. THE CHRONOLOGY OF MY COMMUNICATIONS TO WASHINGTON BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MARCH FILLS THREE PAGES. THE PENULTIMATE ENTRY IS THAT IN MID-MARCH WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE UP THE LEASE ON PINAJIAN'S APARTMENT. TWO MONTHS LATER INDIA DETONATED A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

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3. THE MOST IMMEDIATE EFFECT IS THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE

IS NO U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN INDIA WHO IS TECHNICALLY COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH THE WELTER OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE EXPLOSION--OR IMPLOSION: IF WE HAD AN AEC REPRESENTATIVE PERHAPS HE COULD EXPLAIN THE DISTINCTION. RADIATION. SAFEGUARDS. TREATIES AND AGREEMENT. THE MYRIAD OF SCIENTIFIC AND LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE FACED DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS AND WILL PRESUMABLY FACE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. I SPOKE TO DR. RAY IN LONDON ON MAY 18. POLITICAL COUNSELOR KREISBERG TALKED WITH HER A DAY OR TWO LATER. I HAVE SINCE CABLED, BUT HAVE GOT NO REPLY. WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THEREIS BOTH THE SHORT RUN PROBLEM THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AN ENORMOUS GAP IN ITS CURRENT ON-THE-SCENE ABILITIES TO ANALYZE WHAT IS GOING ON, AND THE LONGER-RANGE CONCERN THAT INDIA, AS THE SIXTH MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR CLUB, OBVIOUSLY WARRANTS CLOSER ATTENTION FROM OUR OWN NUCLEAR EXPERTS.

5. WE NEED SOMEONE OUT HERE FROM THE AEC TOMORROW. WE NEEDED HIM HERE LAST WEEK. I EXPECT WE SHALL ALSO NEED HIM NEXT YEAR. CAN ANYTHING BE DONE? MOYNIHAN

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